

III. REMARKS

A. Prior Office Actions Basis

1. Pending patent application having Serial No. 10/085,700 (now abandoned) was filed on February 26, 2002. An Office Action (Paper No. 8) was mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to Applicants' attorneys on August 27, 2003.

2. A Continuation Application submitted under 37 CFR Sec. 1.53(b) was filed in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on February 27, 2004 in response to Paper No. 8. The Continuation Application was assigned Serial No. 10/788,781.

3. A Notice To File Corrected Application Papers (Filing Date Granted) was mailed to Applicants' attorneys on May 19, 2004. The Notice stated that the Continuation Application having Serial No. 10/788,781 was informal since it did not comply with the regulations relating to (a) drawing Figs. pursuant to 37 CFR Sec. 1.84 and Sec. 1.121, and (b) submission of patent claim filing fees.

4. The Notice To File Corrected Application Papers provided the Applicants two months to cure the discrepancies associated with the Continuation Application.

B. Response Overview

By this Response, it is believed that the above-recited discrepancies are cured.

1. Replacement drawing Figs. 1-7 appearing on drawing sheets 1-5 are submitted herewith in compliance with 37 CFR Sec. 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 as required by the Examiner.

2. The drawing sheets have been corrected so that they exhibit the appropriate margins in accordance with 37 CFR Sec. 1.84(g).

3. New matter as defined in 35 USC Sec. 132 has not been added to the Replacement Drawing Figs. submitted herewith.

4. Please accept and enter into the record the Replacement Drawing Figs. 1-7 (Sheets 1-5) enclosed herewith.

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5. Also enclosed herewith is the additional fee due of \$344.00 in the form of a check made payable to the Commissioner For Patents for the additional claim fees due as a result of the inclusion of multiple dependent claims in the Continuation Application.

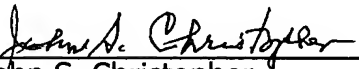
6. Please accept and enter into the record the additional fee due of \$344.00 enclosed herewith.

IV. CONCLUSION:

1. In light of the above Response, it is believed that the discrepancies associated with the Continuation Application having Serial No. 10/788,781 and set forth in the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers (Filing Date Granted) mailed from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on May 19, 2004 are now cured.

2. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to initiate a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below if the Examiner believes that such a conference would expedite allowance of the pending claims. Telephone calls may be directed to John S. Christopher at (213) 580-7963.

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